

## Press Note

Govt of Karnataka, first State to release a GO on 14/08/2003, banning the usage of freshwater for tertiary purposes such as washing of pavements, gardening, maintenance of parks and gardens, etc. in the city of Bangalore. The Hon'ble NGT in the matters related to OA 125/2017 has issued directions that treated sewage shall be used for such purposes instead of fresh water. Further the Govt of India has also released a Gazette on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, where in the usage of fresh water is banned and also extraction of borewell water is also banned. These moves are aimed at conservation of the freshwater which is a precious natural resource, water can be conserved for the drinking purpose.

Going further, as you are aware some of the residential apartments are reporting generation of excess treated sewage effluent in spite of using them for secondary urban purposes within their premises such as toilet flush and gardening. In this regard Board intends to carry out a pilot study to bridge the gap between generation of excess treated sewage and demand. BBMP has 1035 parks at an extent of 3878437.875 SQM, requiring 19,392 KLD at a rate of 5 Lt/ Sq Mt of garden area. As of now BBMP has 8550 Number of borewells at different locations. KSPCB intends to launch an app based system to connect the apartments, commercial complexes, Hotels with excess sewage to the secondary activities. As a pilot project, KSPCB and BBMP have jointly identified Mahatma Gandhi Park on MG Road (Next to KSCA). Hence forth this park will be maintained using the treated sewage from the nearby H. M Tropic Trees Apartment. The color coding and specified branding will be made familiarized so that these tanks are not used to carry the fresh water for human consumption. Many more such initiatives are proposed.



**Date:** Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 @11.00 AM at Mahatma Gandhi Park, Near KSCA. MG Road, Bengaluru.

  
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